GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1630
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2000
ASSISTANCE FOR COIR WORKERS WELFARE FUND
V.S. SIVAKUMAR

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any representation from the State Governmentof Kerala regarding financial assistance to the Kerala Coir Workers` Welfare Fund Board; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGF RURAL INDUSTRIES (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Government of Kerala had requested for a Central grant of Rs. 10 crores for successful implementation of its various welfare schemes for coir workers. Under the Scheme Government of India or the Coir Board is not committed to contribute any fund to the Kerala Coir Workers Welfare Fund Board (KCWWFB).However, the issue of release of funds to Coir Board for contributing to KCWWFB was considered in this Ministry and it was decided to discontinue the practice of release of funds to KCWWFB as the needs of KCWWFB are enormous and the assistance extended under the Scheme is too meagre to make any impact. State Government of Kerala had been duly apprised of the decision.